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1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449; and
3. Return Post Card.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant submits this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98 in the above-identified application for consideration by the Patent Office.

The attached Form PTO-1449 contains a listing of the cited documents. This application was filed after June 30, 2003, and copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications are not required and are not enclosed.

Copies of all foreign patent documents and non-patent literature listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 have been previously submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on an IDS or a supplemental IDS filed in the parent application, serial number 10/268,730.

Pursuant to CFR § 1.97(b)(3), because this Statement is being submitted before the first Office Action on the merits, no fee is required.

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Applicant does not intend to represent that any of the documents submitted herein are material prior art to this invention or that the list represents an exhaustive search of documents related to this invention.

Applicant respectfully requests that the documents submitted herein be considered and made of record in this application.

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